

WEATHER.
Fair and cooler tonight and
Sunday; fresh to brisk
northwest winds.

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NIGHT TRIAL AT MILLERS

Remarkable Lawsuit Takes
Place During Thunder
Storm and Lasts From 6
O'Clock at Night Until 5
O'Clock This Morning.

COURTROOM WAS PACKED WITH WOMEN

Long Winded Legal Arguments Bring
Trial to a Close After Which
Judge Westergreen's Jury Finds
Charles Nelson Not Guilty of the
Provoke Charge.

(Special to THE TIMES.)
Miller, Ind., July 18.—Few people
slept here last night. Those who were
wrapped in the arms of Morpheus were
babes and old men. The remainder of
the inhabitants attended a jury trial in
Judge Westergreen's court, which
was in session from 6 o'clock last night
until 4:20 this morning. Practically
the entire populace sat in the court-
room during the whole proceedings, in
which Charles Nelson, a teamster, was
the defendant, and Mrs. T. H. O'Connor
the complaining witness. Never in the
history of Miller has anything like this
happened before. A jury trial is rare
enough, but that the court should be
in session throughout the night was
something entirely unheard of.

Rubes Will Hear Stories.
The babes who were in their cradles
last night at their mothers sat in the
courtroom will hear the story by and
by with all the facts and embellish-
ments that stories undergo when they
are repeated.

The facts in the case are simple.
Only this—Mrs. O'Connor claims that
Nelson said something mean to her,
and Nelson said he didn't, and then
Mrs. O'Connor put the law on him and
the jury found him not guilty. That
is all that Judge Westergreen's record
will show, only the facts will be trans-
lated into lawyer English, which calls
Mrs. O'Connor plaintiff, and Mr. Nelson
defendant and winds up with "and
further deponent saith not."

That is a climax.
But there is more to the story, and
Miller today has not even gone over
the first chapter. This is the way one
man told it to another one:

Mrs. O'Connor with her husband, runs
a grocery store and she is very much
opposed to saloons. She has a brother-
in-law, an invalid, whom she charges
with over-indulging. Now this invalid
brother-in-law can't even get a busi-
ness jag much less go on a happy
drunk in Miller. Mrs. O'Connor has

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ARREST HAMMOND MAN

John Case Abandons Wife
and is Gathered in in
South Chicago.

John Case an awning maker of Ham-
mond, was arrested here yesterday af-
ternoon by Officers Kane and McNa-
mara of South Chicago on the charge
of wife abandonment. A charge has
been standing against him in South
Chicago for more than nine years.
Case formerly lived at 844 Cottage
rove avenue, when he left his wife
and went to the different parts of the
United States.

Recently his wife, Mrs. Ada Case,
learned that he had set himself up in
Hammond and notified the South Chi-
cago police of this and they trying a
ruse to get him across the state line,
arrested him. He was locked up and
being unable to find a bondsman, spent
the night in jail.

Case was called up over the tele-
phone from South Chicago and asked
to come to the East Side to put up an
awning. He walked into the trap and
was arrested by Officers Kane and Mc-
Namara.

Case was taken to the Hyde Park
station this morning where he was
put on trial.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT OCCURS IN NEW YORK.

(Special to THE TIMES.)
New York City, July 18.—(4 p. m.)—
Mrs. Lou Finley, wife of Dr. Charles
Finley of South Chicago, and daughter
of Dr. J. J. Steadman of South Chicago,
was injured this afternoon in a col-
lision between an automobile and a
carriage in which she was riding. It
is thought her injuries will result fa-
tally.

ELECTRICAL STORM WAS A FEARFUL ONE

Residence of F. C. Deming is
Struck by Lightning Shaft
and Badly Damaged.

HOMWOOD PEOPLE SCARED

Damage to Residence Is Covered By
Insurance in the Shape of a
Tornado Policy.

The electrical storm last evening was
one of the most severe that has ever
visited Hammond. The sky was lit
with lightning and for a time the
flashes were so continuous that it was
as light as day outside. The peals of
thunder were magnificent and one in the
skies was so spectacular that the great-
est pyrotechnic effort of Paine was but
a pinwheel as compared to the great
battle of the heavens.

But the electrical display was not
all bluff. The lightning wrecked its
terrible vengeance in a number of cases,
the most notable of which was the
residence of F. C. Deming, 730 South
Hohman street.

Here one fork of lightning struck a
large chimney and shattered the top-
stone which was shaped as a hollow
square and descended to the grate be-
low, while another fork ripped off a
piece of the roofing ten feet square.

Occupants in Danger.
Both Mr. and Mrs. Deming were in
the house at the time. When the storm
came up Mr. Deming went upstairs to
close the windows and Mrs. Deming
went into the library. In this manner
it happened that neither of these well-
known Hammond people were in the
danger zone when the lightning struck
the house. One of the daughters of
Mr. and Mrs. Deming was in Frank-
fort, while the other was in bed up-
stairs.

The crash of the lightning was so
loud that every one in the vicinity was
deafened for the time. Homewood peo-
ple knew the bolt had struck some-
where around. The room in which the
grate was located was so filled with
dust that it was hardly possible to see.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Deming were bad-
ly frightened by the crash, but they
soon got their wits together and started
an investigation. The extent of the dam-
age was learned when later on it was
discovered that the yard was filled
with tile and that the roof had been
badly damaged.

Had a Tornado Policy.
The roof of the Deming house rises
in a pyramid and it was found in the
morning that the tile had been ripped
off from all four sides. The greatest
damage, however, was on the south side
of the roof where a patch of tile ten
feet square had been ripped off.

The damage was all covered by in-
surance as Mr. Deming has taken out a
tornado policy in a local company and
the work of making the repairs was
begun the first thing this morning.

There were several other reports of
slight damage done by the storm. In
the Erie yards the wind blew off the
roof of a box car. There were several
trees struck by lightning and consid-
erable damage done by the hail and
rain to the crops.

Otherwise the storm was welcome
and it helped to relieve the humidity in
the atmosphere which had been oppres-
sive all evening.

WAS A WORRIED GIRL

Western Union Operator
Lost \$300 Diamond Ring
But Recovers it Later.

Miss Julia Wallrich, who is employed
Western Union Telegraph company in
its office in the Hammond, to work dur-
ing the vacation of Miss Ethel Meaton,
had the misfortune to leave a \$300 dia-
mond ring in the washroom in the
Hammond building yesterday afternoon.
When she discovered her loss she
was very much frightened. She at once
notified the police and began a search
for the jewelry. It was unnecessary for
her to go to that trouble, however, for
the ring chanced to fall in the hands
of an honest person.

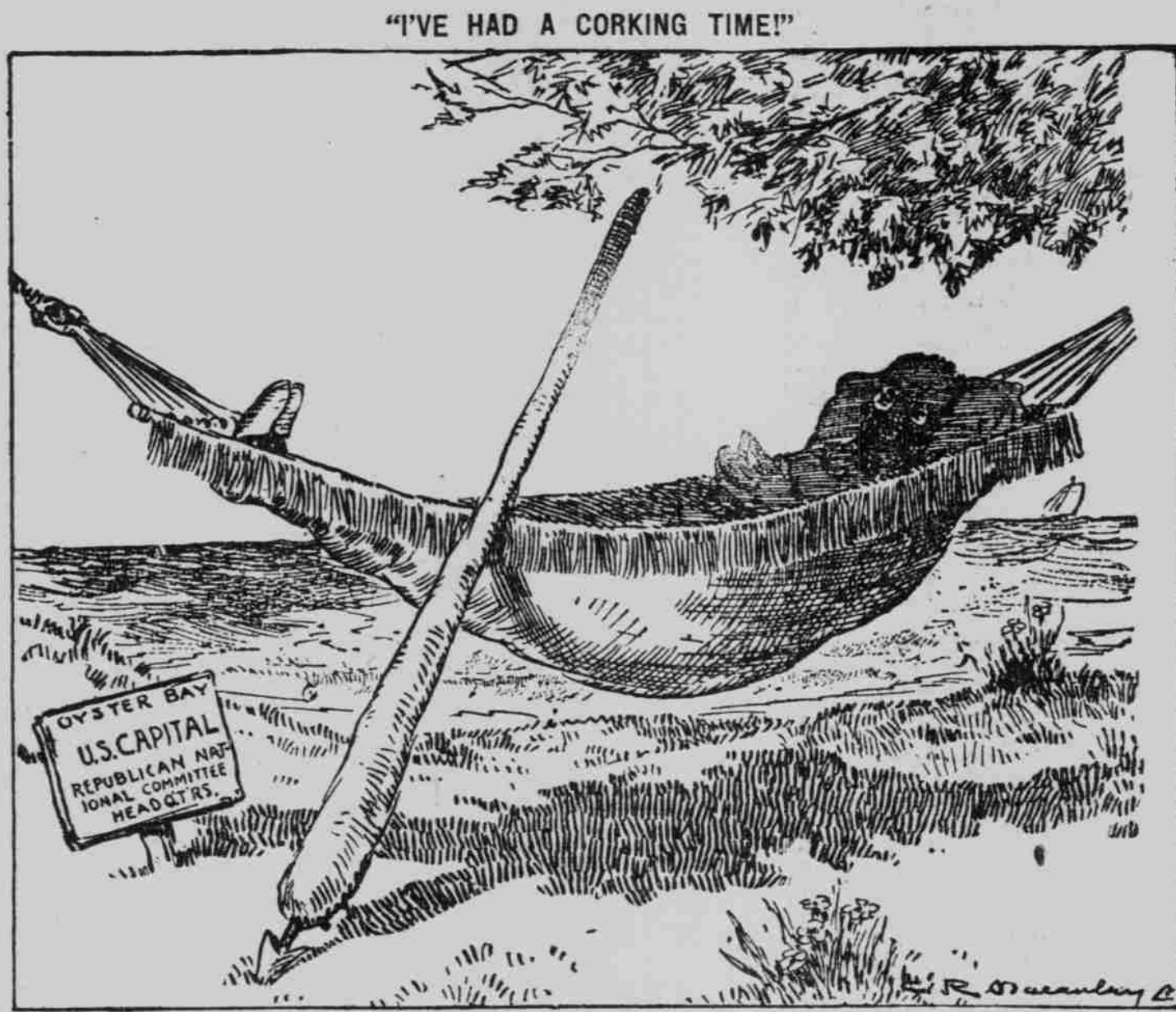
Miss May Stevens found the ring and
at once turned it over to Miss Wallrich.
The young lady was delighted at her
good fortune in securing the return of
the ring and has promised herself again
and again that she will be more care-
ful in the future.

The ring was lost about 4:30 and for
the brief period of half an hour there
was a young lady in Hammond who
was as worried as she ever was in
her life.

ARCHITECT HUTTON COMPLETES HIS PLANS.

Village of Burnham to Have a \$5,000
Building—One of Patton's Prom-
ised Improvements.

Architect J. T. Hutton has just com-
pleted the plans for the new town hall
which is to be built in Burnham. The
building will cost in the neighborhood
of \$5,000 and will be a very attractive
little building. The people of Burnham
are very much elated over the prospect
of having a new city hall. This is the
first of the promised improvements
which Johnny Patton has promised and
which he is arranging to make.



—Macaulay in New York World.

PROMISES TO MAKE IMPROVEMENT

P. J. Sherwin Says He Will
Do All He Can to Im-
prove Property.

MANAGER SHERWIN IN TOWN

Hammond Business Men's Association
Jubilant Over Success of Their
Persuasive Ability.

P. J. Sherwin, the general manager
of the Erie railroad, was in the city
today and granted practically every-
thing that E. F. Johnston, the secre-
tary of the Hammond Business Men's
association, asked in the way of im-
provements.

Sherwin seemed to be greatly con-
cerned over the fact that his road had
been given a grilling by THE TIMES for
not doing more to beautify the Ham-
mond depot and its surroundings and
manifested a desire to do all that was
in his power for the improvement of
the railroad's property.

It is out of the question to build
a new depot at the present time, ac-
cording to Mr. Sherwin, but in a few
weeks men will be sent to this city to
paint the depot and express office, and
this is expected to improve the appear-
ance of the buildings considerably.

Will Make Other Improvements.
It was also decided to fill in the
sink hole in the rear of the depot with
cinders; in fact a roadway of cinders
will be laid all the way between State
street and Sibley street.

The rest of the right of way in the
center of the city is to be filled in
with dirt and will possibly be sown
with grass seed later on. E. F. John-
ston of the Hammond Business Men's
association was very much pleased
with Sherwin's trip and believes that
a big step has been taken toward the
beautifying of the heart of Hammond.
It is expected that the cinders will
be hauled for the roadway and the
dirt for the right of way within the
present week. One change which has
been positively decided upon is that
hereafter the owners of express wa-
gons will have to find another stand.

Mr. Sherwin says that they are oc-
cupying private property and that
they have no business there. He will
force them to get out just as soon as
the premises of the depot are im-
proved.

GEORGE BARDELL PLEADS GUILTY TO ASSAULT.

Judge Is Lenient With Man Who Re-
cently Attacked Officer Peter
Hilbrich—All Satisfied.

George Bardwell, the man who as-
saulted Officer Peter Hilbrich when he
ordered him to move on, appeared in
Judge McMahon's court this morning
and pleaded guilty to the charge of as-
sault.

He placed himself at the mercy of
the court, informed the judge that he
had a wife to support and was sorry
for what he had done to the officer.
Under the circumstances it was thought
advisable to give the defendant the fine
he deserved for such an offense and
he was merely called up to pay \$1 and
costs, amounting to \$11.

He did that cheerfully and that
closed the first of the two cases in-
volving assaults on policemen.

THEY HOLD IMPORTANT GATHERING

Young Men's Republican
Club is Addressed by Con-
gressman Crumpacker in
Court House Last Night—
Much Enthusiasm.

R. E. WOODS IS CHOSEN PRESIDENT

Election of Officers Productive of
Spirited Rivalry — Congressman
Opens Political Campaign in Ham-
mond and Flags Gompers Because
of Attitude.

Representative E. D. Crumpacker last
night addressed one of the largest and
most enthusiastic gatherings of young
republicans which has ever assembled
in Hammond. The facts and arguments
he handed out as weapons for the fu-
ture use of the young republican war-
riors made them sanguine as to the out-
come in the fall.

Mr. Crumpacker's speech was pre-
ceded by the election of officers in
which Roscoe E. Woods was selected
for president of the new organization.
John W. Mortland was selected for vice
president, George Stevens was made
second vice president, Peter Ripley was
selected secretary, Harvey Godfrey, as-
sistant secretary and Will Hastings,
treasurer.

Constitution Adopted.
The constitution and by-laws were
adopted and contained a provision
which requires the president to appoint
an executive committee consisting of
fifteen members upon which will de-
volve the responsibility of doing most
of the active work of the organization.
That this work is to be important
and that the organization of a Young
Men's Republican club is an important
political move, is shown by the fact
that County Chairman Richard Schaaf
declares that he will throw the re-
sponsibility for the management of the
comping campaign in Hammond on this
organization.

Over 100 Present.
In spite of the threatening storm
there were over a hundred young men
crowded into the superior court room
last night. Politics had been sizzling
all day as the candidates for the var-
ious offices were engaged in firing up
their strength. By the time the meet-
ing was called to order there was an
air of uncertainty about the situation
which made the meeting exceedingly in-
teresting.

John W. Mortland, as temporary
chairman, called the meeting to order
and called for the reading of the

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THE REV. PICKEREL HIDES HIS TALENT

Itinerant Preacher Claims to
Police That His Secret
Hoard Has Been Stolen

POLICE FIND HIM A BEGGING

Lives in Tent Near Ice House and
Complains That Boys Robbed
Him of His All.

Have you seen Alexander Pickerel,
D. D.? He is a character.

About three days ago he blew into
town and started preaching on the
street. He declared he was a minister
of the gospel and a Christian by faith
and he came to redeem Hammond.

You can't appreciate Reverend Pick-
erel until you see him. He is a little
weasand voiced, stoop shouldered, feeble
old man with gray chin whiskers. He
wears a wrinkled blue suit which hangs
limply on drooping shoulders and a
dress shirt with its bulging and badly
soiled bosom protruding from the
front of his coat.

The police picked him up on the
streets this morning where he was
found begging and his examination re-
vealed a pathetic case. Rev. Alexander
Campbell Pickerel has been living in a
small tent in the vicinity of the Ham-
mond Pure Ice plant.

That arrangement saves hotel bills
and seems to suit Rev. Pickerel's pur-
poses. During his stay in Hammond
this peculiar minister of the gospel suc-
ceeded in getting together about \$12
in cash. He placed the money in a to-
mato can for safe-keeping and then hid
the can in a pile of brick near his tent.

He claims that some boys who live
in the vicinity saw him hide the money
and after he had gone down town went
to the spot and got it. At any rate it
is pretty evident that Rev. Pickerel hid
his talent in the ground with the re-
sult that thieves discovered his hiding
place and took the money.

He complained to the police this
morning and they are inclined to think
that the old man either hid the money
and has been unable to find it, or that
some one did see it and stole it from
him.

Crowd Hears Story.
Quite a crowd gathered in the police
station to hear the old man tell his
story. Among them was a man who
had been ordained as an exhorter in the
Christian church. He asked the old
gentleman if he had his card which
showed that he was connected with the
church. Rev. Pickerel said, solemnly,
"God ordained me," and pointing to his
head, he said, "My card is in there."

Rev. Pickerel said that he had been
preaching for sixteen years and dur-
ing that time had held a great many
important charges. He said he was
born and raised in Ohio and that he
had not been home for years.

As the old man sat in a comfortable
chair in the police station it was no-
ticeable that he had a habit of hold-
ing his old derby hat with opening up
and some distance from his body. How
he contracted that habit can only be
guessed.

Has Seen Better Days.
The old man has an eastern dialect
and fairly good English, but he pre-
sented a pitiful sight as he sat there
in the station. It is apparent that some
time in his life he had been used to
better things. There is an indication
from his manner that perhaps he may
have been the pastor of a little flock
of his own and a factor in the com-
munity.

Now he is alone in the world. His

JOHNSTON RETURNS FROM BIG MEETING

District Manager Attended
Annual Session of N. W.
Mutual Life Ins. Co.

MEETS HAMMONDITES ON TRIP

Local Man Reports His Corporation
to Be in Splendid Condition
—50 Years Old.

E. F. Johnston, district manager of
the Northwestern Mutual Life Insur-
ance company, returned home last
evening from Milwaukee, where he has
been attending the annual meeting of
the company. This meeting was of
particular interest not only to the
agents but the policy holders as well,
from the fact that it marked the 50th
anniversary of the company's exist-
ence. Fifty years ago this company
started in the business of insuring
lives and has met with incomparable
success. It now being the largest
company in the world doing an ex-
clusive United States business. This
company now has over \$9,000,000.000
of insurance in force and over \$230-
000,000 of assets.

Officers Elected Wednesday.
On Wednesday of the week the board
of trustees met for the election of offi-
cers and accepted the resignation of
Henry L. Palmer, president. Mr. Palmer
is nearly 89 years of age and has been
connected with the Northwestern Mut-
ual Life Insurance company for almost
fifty years and has been its president
for 34 years. His successor, Mr. Geo.
C. Markham, has been connected with
the company for a number of years
and as first vice president is thor-
oughly conversant with ex-President Pal-
mer's ideas and methods and assures
all concerned that there will be no
change in the company's conservative
methods and that it will be his plea-
sure to carry forward to still greater
achievement the work as planned by
the retiring and honored H. L. Palmer.

First Policy Through Johnston.
It will be of interest to the readers
of THE TIMES to know that the first
policy signed by the new president, Mr.
Markham, comes in the district presided
over by Mr. Johnston and is policy
No. 751908 issued on the life of F. L.
Webber of Rensselaer, Ind., whose ap-
plication was taken by Agent Fred L.
Phillips of that place.

All of these things concerning the
meeting are of interest to the readers
of this paper from the fact that so
many people of this city and vicinity
are policy holders in and members of
this company.

Meets Hammond People.
Mr. Johnston also reports having
seen Mr. Meyn of the Lake County Sav-
ings & Trust company in Milwaukee,
and Miss Mae Nelson at Waukesha.
Reached Mr. Meyn and family are tour-
ing the state of Wisconsin in their
splendid touring car and Mr. L. Cox
and family are sojourning at Waukesha
each for a few days from where they
expect to go to Fond du Lac for a longer
stay with Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Bell, on
the banks of Lake Winnebago.

INDICTED FOR SWINDLE

Hobart Woman Prefers
Charges Against a
Former Boarder.

Hobart, Ind., July 18.—Word was re-
ceived here last night of the indict-
ment of John E. Morton, by the Cook
county (Ill.) grand jury on the charge
of swindling Mrs. Margaret Watson of
this place.

Morton formerly boarded at the home
of Mrs. Watson and while there is al-
leged to have proposed marriage. Mrs.
Watson declared that she refused his
matrimonial offers and that for a time
he desired.

"He remained at the house for some
weeks later," Mrs. Watson said. "Then
he told me that life was insured for
\$25,000, but later I learned that this
was not true. Then he asked me for
\$1,000, for which he gave me a worth-
less note."

Mrs. Watson also tried to have Mor-
ton indicted on a charge of perjury.
She declared that in a hearing of the
case before a justice of the peace Mor-
ton testified that he held insurance of
\$25,000 on his life.

mind apparently is falling him. He
still sticks to his religious ideas and
occasionally attempts to impress his
hearers with them, little realizing that
he is more an object of pity than the
preacher he thinks he is. It is not
likely that the police will interfere
with him.

ATTORNEY A. BIXBY INTERESTED IN LAND DEAL.

Harling A. Bixby, a local attorney,
left for Downsville, Mich., this noon
with the intention of closing up a big
land deal there, in which he has in-
terested the authorities of Dowagiac
and a number of Hammond men.
Mr. Bixby expects to complete the
preliminary arrangements after which
the other Hammond men will also go to
Dowagiac.
Dowagiac is looking for a factory
site and Mr. Bixby thinks he has just
what they are looking for.

BRAVE ACT OF LITTLE NEWSBOY

Arthur Schwenke, Carrier
For Times, Jumps in Calu-
met River and Saves Life
of One Person and Per-
haps of Two Older Men.

SCHWENKE HATES THE LIMELIGHT

Friends of Lad Will Try and Get Him
a Carnegie Medal and He Is Made
a Hero of By His Friends and
Neighbors in the Vicinity Where
He Resides.

One of the bravest deeds ever done
in this part of the state may be placed
to the credit of Arthur Schwenke, a
Hammond lad who was responsible
yesterday for saving the life of one lad
and perhaps the lives of two others.
The young hero is Arthur Schwenke,
the thirteen-year-old son of Wm.
Schwenke, night foreman at the Grass-
sell Chemical works.

LAD SHUNS THE LIMELIGHT.
The heroic act of the lad has made
him the observed of all observers in
Hammond and East Chicago and in the
vicinity of his home, between the two
places. But he didn't like the fame
and notoriety of little bit. Young
Schwenke was fishing from the bank
of the Calumet river yesterday after-
noon near the chemical works when
a boat containing three occupants, two
men and a boy, rowed between the in-
stream and the bank on which the
young fisherman sat.

ALL FALL IN STREAM.
The lad in the boat while bending
over the side of the cockleshell vessel
leaned over too far and suddenly fell
overboard and before Schwenke could
realize what had happened, the boat
and all its occupants capsize and the
three were struggling in the stream.
In endeavoring to reach for the lad
who fell overboard, the two men had
rocked the boat so violently that they
fell out of it.

NONE OF PARTY COULD SWIM.
The men did not appear able to swim
and young Schwenke saw that the boy
floundering in the water was going to
lose his life if something was not done
and done in a hurry. So he waded into
the river and swam out to where the
boy had gone down for the last time.
He reached the spot in the nick of time
and as the little fellow came up, he
seized him by his hair and told him to
keep quiet.

HELPS MEN AFTERWARD.
Schwenke then told the men to turn
the boat over and get in it and he
would swim ashore with the boy which
he bravely did. None of the party
was any the worse off for his dan-
gerous bath in the river with the ex-
ception of the lad who was nearly
drowned. Young Schwenke did not
ask the names of the boat's occupants
and they were foreigners, according to
his description.

WANT CARNEGIE MEDAL FOR HIM.
They rowed to the bank, bailed out
their boat, took the boy with them and
rowed away. Schwenke, the hero, went
home and never said a word about re-
solving the lives of three. He said he
had fallen in the river, at there were
others who had seen the brave act
and told Schwenke's father of the deed.
Some of the young man's friends will
get in touch with the Carnegie Medal
commission and see if the young man
cannot be awarded a medal. The boy
is a carrier for THE TIMES' sporting
edition in East Chicago and Grassell.

GET NEW JAIL CONTRACT

Crown Point, Ind., July 18.—(Special)
—Reed and Bump of Hammond having
been the lowest bidders here this af-
ternoon on the contract for the new
county jail contract for the building of
this institution was awarded to them.
Reed and Bump's figures were \$45,040.

The other bidders were:
Eric Lund, Hammond, \$54,300.
W. J. Turnes, East Chicago, \$49,637.
F. O. Johnson, Chicago, \$45,336.
Nelson Constructing company, Chi-
cago, \$40,877.

Do you ever stop to think, Mr. Busi-
ness Man, that the newspaper which
boosts your city, which seeks to im-
prove the town you live in, which
helps to fight battles; which is a re-
flex of the progress of the community
is entitled to advertising patronage in
return?